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Local business to be featured in USA Today Friday

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COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

"You know where I'm located?" Spire said. "Even after I told them we were 120 miles north of Kansas City, they were still interested."

According to Spire, a female representative from *USA Today* told him she had found information on the Internet regarding the soy bean oil used for diesel fuel in Maryville and wanted a picture of the product being used at the plant.

"After I heard they wanted to use us, I asked them, 'Do

"The soy diesel provides an alternate fuel option instead of using ethanol or gasoline," Spire said. "Several trucking companies use it along with the University's trucks and buses."

Consumers Oil was one of the first companies to begin providing soy diesel nearly three years ago, but they weren't alone. Kansas City and St. Louis also began providing the unique form of fuel. Since

that time, the product has flourished within the Midwest and expanded to become a nationwide product.

The fact that the oil has now become a somewhat prevalent product left Spire wondering why *USA Today* selected such a small Midwest company to feature.

"I don't really know why exactly they picked us," Spire said. "We were the first to house the oil in tank wagons

and deliver them to farmers; maybe that had something to do with it."

Regardless of the reasoning behind the selection, Spire believes the publicity from the picture will introduce the product to more consumers and allow the business to expand even more.

"The more we can use soy diesel, the better it will be for the Midwest," Spire said.

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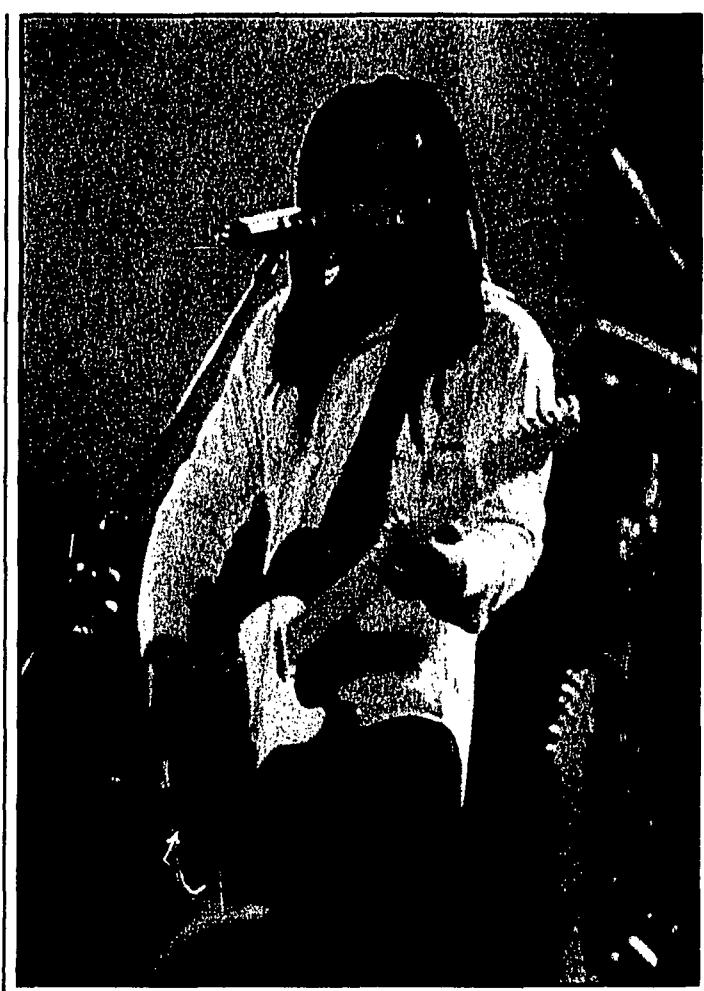


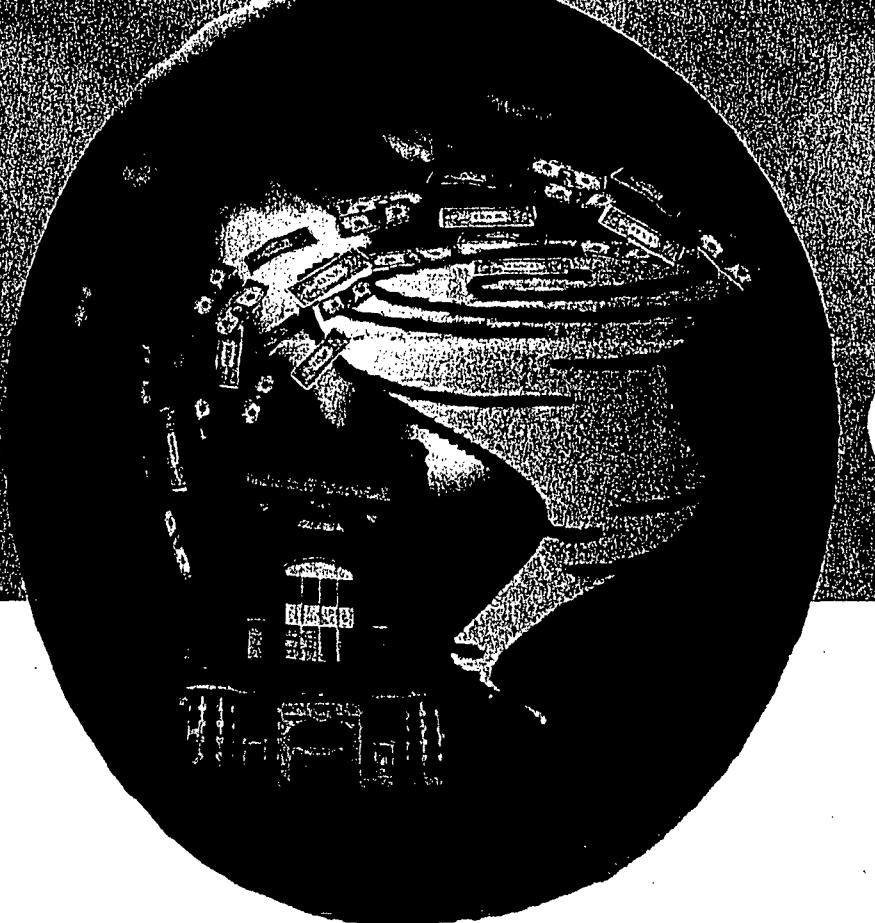
PHOTO COURTESY OF SKM ARTIST MANAGEMENT
Maryville is the first stop in Steve Ewing's current 12-city tour of the Midwest. Ewing is starting his solo career after departing from The Urge in 2002.

STATE BUDGET LOOKS BLEAK

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Examination of the State budget in 2004-05

Part 1: How did it get this bad?



Moody: Budget matters to get worse

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

When examining the future of the Missouri budget, economist Jim Moody put it bluntly.

"Things are going to get worse before they get better," he said.

The reasoning behind his logic may be justified as legislators labored for two extra weeks in June to discuss the 2004 budget.

But with 2005 budget cuts looming, Northwest and other universities are faced with the dilemma: what programs do you cut and when do you cut them?

'FOUR-HEADED MONSTER' LOOMS IN NEAR FUTURE

When a person thinks of damage, natural disasters may come to mind. But as revenue and expenditures have become unbalanced, Moody refers to Missouri's budget problems as something worse: a four-headed monster.

"It's a basic imbalance between revenue and expenditures," Moody said. "It's hard to point to one thing as the source of the problem."

One example Moody gave was a \$200

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million deficit and additional money given to education. Moody also pointed to increases in Medicaid and prisons and the trend of awarding taxpayers millions of dollars.

"I think education is going to take the bulk of the cuts," Moody predicted.

CUTS TO NORTHWEST'S BUDGET SHRINK RESERVES

As Ray Counter, vice president of Finance, looked at the possible shortfall the state could be facing for the 2005 fiscal year, all he could do was gasp. "Oh my Lord," Counter said. "I can't imagine what will happen."

On July 1, \$905,261 was cut from Northwest's overall budget.

"We signed the appropriation in May, but we anticipated a cut," Counter said. "We have more money stored because

we're anticipating another cut in our budget."

The \$905,261 cut was 3.1 percent of Northwest's appropriations. Another 3 percent cut is anticipated for the 2005 fiscal year.

"We already cut expenditures by \$2 million and raised tuition by over 10 percent over the last two years," Counter said. "I fear we just can't continue to do that. More cuts will be devastating to us."

LEGISLATIVE CONFLICT COULD DELAY INCREASE IN REVENUE

As one dissects Missouri's budget situation, one thing is clear: a political battle between the Republican-controlled legislature and Gov. Bob Holden, a Democrat, is in play. From the veto in June to the current talks between legislative leaders and Holden, some people may wonder what is getting done. "The fact that they're talking is good, but whether things will come of it remain to be seen," Moody said.

On top of the \$17.9 billion total budget for Missouri, \$84 million was spent in appropriations funding.

"They added some money to a couple Please see 'Moody' page 5A

interests.

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Former Urge singer to begin tour at The Pub

By AMBER BRAZIL
BUZZ REPORTER

Though Maryville has experienced the former rock band The Urge before, lead singer Steve Ewing is back with something new.

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Northwest enters program with Missouri Southern

By RILEY HUSKEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Although the merger with the UM system is still unresolved, a partnership with Missouri Southern State University has been made.

Northwest will soon provide cooperative graduate programs to students enrolled at MSSU. The partnership includes programs in early childhood development, instructional technology, health and physical education, biology and reading.

The graduate courses would

be Northwest courses delivered on the MSSU campus via Interactive Television (ITV), where the teacher could be transmitting from any remote location to any receiver where a connection was available; online, face to face or any combination thereof.

This cooperative partnership will be a win-win situation for both institutions and the state," Provost Taylor Barnes said. "It avoids duplication of course Please see 'Northwest' page 5A

No Call list stifles telemarketers

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

As a family sits down to dinner, the phone rings.

On the other line, an anonymous voice asks if the family is interested in opening an account with its telephone company. No surprise, a telemarketer has interrupted another family dinner.

Now there is relief for Maryville residents who are tired of telemarketers calling to offer their services at inappropriate times.

Maryville Travel Agency employee Tera Nelson said she is in support of the National Do Not Call Registry even though she still receives phone calls from telemarketers.

"With good legislation to where it actually stops telemarketers, that's better than nothing," Nelson said.

As of Oct. 1, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call Registry will now limit telemarketers from calling consumers listed on the registry, but Missouri has had a No Call Please see 'No' page 5A

Web Exclusive:

The Upward Bound program recently received funding. Log on to Missourianonline.com to read all about it.

This week's Buzz reviews:

Check out reviews of Sean Comer's top 10 greatest hits albums of all time and a review of the new Jack Black flick, "School of Rock."

Last week's poll:

If President Hubbard were to be recalled, who would you want?

51.6% Jamaica Rector
38.3% Anarchy, pure anarchy
5.9% Carrot Top
4.6% Al Sharpton

Online poll:

What's your favorite part about Homecoming Week?

a. The football game.
b. The variety show.
c. The parade.
d. Being drunk at the football game, variety show and parade.

Entrepreneur shares secrets with students

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A young entrepreneur proved to herself she could make a difference in her culture, and now, she's helping her culture believe they can make a difference, too.

Christy Haubegger shared her story Tuesday night in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom about her creation of *Latina*, the first bilingual Hispanic magazine.

"My parents told me I could be anything I wanted and to pursue any dream I had," said Haubegger, who is Mexican-American and adopted by Caucasian parents.

As a young girl, Haubegger felt excluded when she read magazines targeting her generation she didn't see peers that looked like her.

But it wasn't until she was pursuing her law degree at Stanford University when she came up with the idea that would put an end to the young women of her culture feeling isolated.

After researching the Hispanic market, she discovered in the 1990 census that 23 million Hispanics lived in the United States. By 2010, it projected them to be the largest minority group in America.

"There was a lot of media coverage over this issue, and I knew that something was missing," said Haubegger. "It was a magazine."

She thought about giving up several times in her pursuits to launch the magazine, but after years of researching, saving money and networking, her dream came true.

Latina's circulation approached almost 200,000 two years later.

Reina Drake, a Northwest Spanish instructor and subscriber to *Latina*, attended Haubegger's lecture because she considers her a role model for the Hispanic culture.

"I think it's very important for me to see Hispanic women who are young and successful," Drake said. "She inspires a lot of people, including myself."

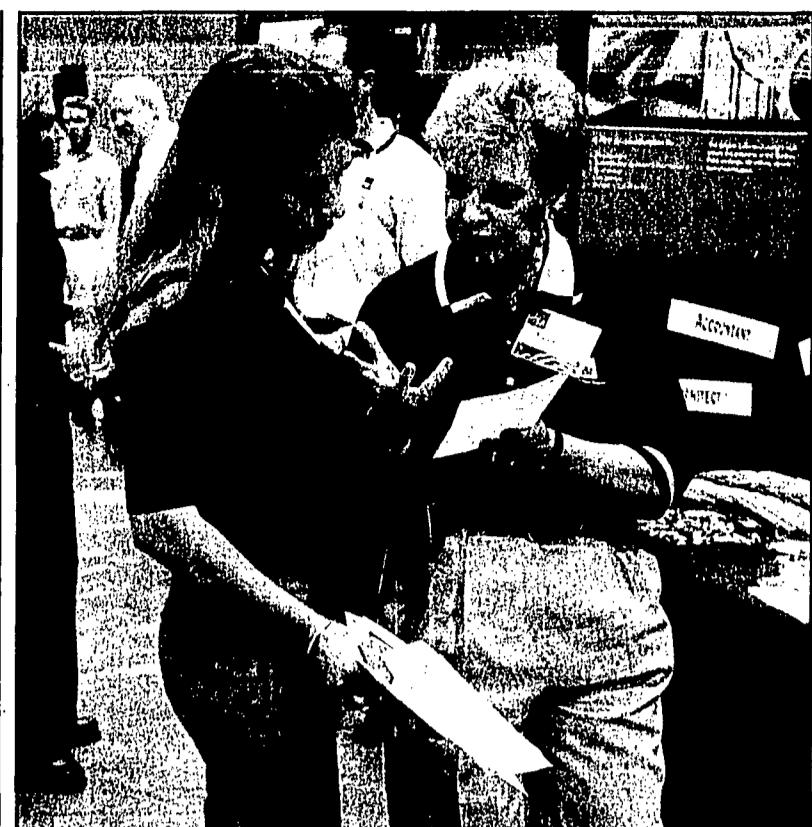


PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ludivine Schmitt speaks with a representative of GSA at Northwest's annual Career Day. Career Day gives current students an opportunity to network with area employers.

Sculptor showcases work with exhibit at DeLuce

By STEPHANIE STANGL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Two hundred hours of diligent work.

This is the amount of time that ceramic sculptor Karl McDade labored to provide the display in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery at Northwest which opened on Oct. 6.

McDade held a lecture the same night to inform the campus of the intent behind placing the exhibit at Northwest and to simultaneously educate people on how he evolved into the sculptor he is now.

To encourage attending art majors, he showed slides depicting a timeline of his work to display his triumphs and his failures.

"We all make really bad art at some point in our lives," McDade chuckled.

Creating art was not always in the cards for McDade. Initially, he was a business major.

"I never saw myself living the life of a professional potter," McDade confided to the group.

Although his father made him finish his degree in business, he soon pursued an art degree and proceeded to teach at both the Kansas City Art Institute and Southern Oregon University.

McDade chose the medium of clay because of how long it can be preserved.

"(By sculpting with clay) you become a part of an incredible history," McDade said. "Unless it crumbles to dust, it's going to be around."

Mayan ruins, nature and early archaeological findings serve as origins of inspiration for his work.

He started out with functional

Career Day provides work opportunities

By MIKAEA KOILE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Excitement buzzed around the Bearcat Arena Tuesday as students and potential employers geared up for Northwest Career Day.

Career Day gave students an opportunity to present their résumés and practice their interviewing skills. Businesses and companies from around the region were invited to attend the job fair.

"We were pleased about the 80 companies that were represented this year," said Rosalie Weathermon, assistant director of Career Services. The number of companies represented was up from 61 last year. Attendance was also up from last year's 847 students to 1,101 participants.

Students find Career Day to be

useful in looking for employment opportunities. One advantage to attending Career Day is the chance to seek out employment prior to graduating.

"I felt like this year's Career Day had a lot better selection of companies geared for my major," said Ryan Gray, a senior majoring in international business. Gray attended last year's Career Day and found that it was helpful in aiding in his job search.

The participating companies represented a wide range of job opportunities, including full-time positions and internships.

Students in all stages of their education were invited to attend.

"We encourage students to come early on so that they can build up a network and become comfortable with job searching," Weathermon said.

University Events

Sunday through Tuesday:
Variety Show rehearsal, 5-11 p.m., Mary Lin Auditorium

Thurs. 9 National Depression Screening day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 2nd floor, Student Union

9 K X C V / K R N W Patron Night, 5:45 p.m.

9 Opera Verdi Europa "Rigoletto," 7:30 p.m., Mary Lin Auditorium

10 First block ends

10 Peer Education meetings/training

10 Brick & Click Libraries: The Shape of Tomorrow, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Student Union

Sat. 11 ACT Prep Shop, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

11 RHA: De-Dorm Your Home

11 Computing Services maintenance

Sun. 12 No events

13 Second block begins

13 Columbus Day

Tues. 14 ESL Fall 2 classes begin

15 Last date to get 100 percent refund for dropped second block courses

15 Third installment due

15 Variety Show, 7 p.m., Mary Lin Auditorium

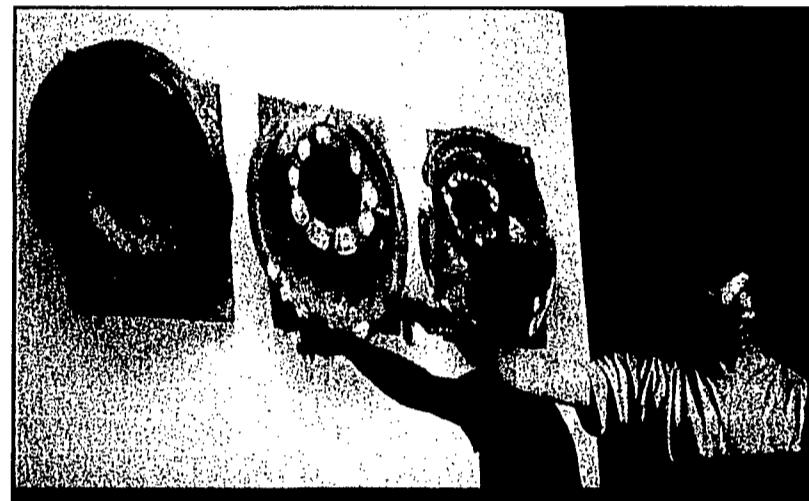


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Karl McDade shows off some of his pieces during his lecture Monday night. The exhibit, which is in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery, will run until Oct. 31.

pottery, numbering nearly 1,000 per year, but McDade soon shunned the potter's wheel.

"The potter's wheel was holding me back," McDade said.

He then found himself creating sculptures, trying to work intuitively and just letting things happen.

Surprisingly, McDade noted that he does not invest such prolonged periods

creating art for the income.

He has another reason for doing what he does.

"I sculpt because it is something I am passionate about," McDade said.

Karl McDade's artwork can be viewed at Northwest until Oct. 31. It will then make an appearance at the Leedy-Voulkos Art Center in Kansas City, Mo., from Jan. 9 to Feb. 9.

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Hospital earns energy award

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

St. Francis Hospital will become the first hospital in Missouri to receive recognition today for its efforts in energy performance and pollution prevention.

"We strive to achieve quality," said Rita Miller, St. Francis Hospital community relations and development manager. "To be recognized on top of that, it makes us proud."

St. Francis will receive the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star label for upgrading and encouraging energy efficient operating procedures. The hospital recently cut its gas bill in half and its electricity bill by 17 percent by improving its operating equipment.

"The money we have saved we put back into the facility to buy equipment to help us better serve the community," said Gary Thompson, St. Francis building operations manager.

St. Francis is the first hospital in Missouri to receive an Energy Star. St. Francis is also among the top 25 percent most energy-efficient facilities in the nation.

"It's very prestigious to be the first hospital in Missouri to win the Energy Star Award," Thompson said. "We're a full, state-of-the-art facility, and anyone who has not seen the facility since the changes needs to come visit the facility and all the services we offer."

Miller said employees have responded positively to receiving the EPA's Energy Star Award.

"Anytime we can save money, it's always beneficial to us and our patients," Miller said. "It's showing that we are striving for that exceptional care we want to provide."

Thompson said he and his staff are glad to be receiving the award because of all the hard work they put into the application to receive the award. He also said he and his staff worked since July 2001 to make changes to the facility's systems in order to receive the Energy Star label.

An Energy Star representative visited St. Francis last year to review the 150,000 square-foot hospital's building systems for potential efficiency improvements. Afterwards, the hospital took the initiative and implemented upgrades to several of its systems.

More is still being done as the hospital looks at ways to improve its air handling system and other energy-efficient improvements while it builds a new patient wing and expands the surgery ward to further its missions of providing quality health care services.

"The changes that we are making help with our efficiency," Thompson said. "It's just going to get better with our new equipment."

EPA Region Seven Administrator Mike Baumgartner will speak today at 2 p.m. at the media conference at St. Francis as he recognizes the hospital's efforts in energy efficiency. Afterwards, the Energy Star plaque will be unveiled.

"Anytime we can be recognized, it's continuing our mission to provide exceptional care," Miller said.



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Father Chuck Tobin, priest at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, blesses parishioner Shelley Sybert's kitten. The church took part in the 3rd Annual Pet Mass in honor of St. Francis of Assisi this past Sunday.

Blessings pour over animals

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The sound of various household pets blended with congregational singing Sunday morning during Pet Mass at St. Gregory's Church.

Children and adults lined up after regular Mass for the Pet Mass. St. Gregory's priest Father Chuck Tobin sprinkled the pets with holy water and asked God to bless them and their families.

Meghan Sheil attended with her children, their cat, Orange Juice, and their dog Heidi.

"Our animals are very special," Sheil said. "They're part of the family. We want them to participate and feel special."

Although this is only the third time St. Gregory's has taken part in this special mass, the ceremony has occurred in Catholic churches worldwide for centuries.

"I've attended ceremonies like this since I was a kid," Tobin said.

Cindy Powell attended with her two children, Natalie and Clayton, and their cats.

"The children wanted to bring them, and they get a chance to participate," she said.

said. "Maybe now that our kitten Shadow has been blessed, he'll come when we call."

Maryville had its hermit crabs, but animals were slightly more exotic in other parts of the world.

In Manila, located in the Philippines, three men carried their pet, a 17-foot South African Python named Samantha, to church.

The annual ceremony began as a way to remember St. Francis of Assisi, who was canonized in 1228.

The saint held all animals in high regard as a part of God's creation.

He had a special affinity with them and was miraculously able to calm the wildest of beasts.

The legend of the wolf of Gubbio was one such story in which his ability over animals was revealed. He calmed a wolf that was terrorizing the people of the village of Gubbio.

With St. Francis' influence, the wolf lived in peace in the village, and the villagers fed him until his death.

This power over and love for animals is what he is remembered for today.

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4-H week used to promote membership

By LIZZI SEXTON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Clover Kids and local 4-H members received certificates of achievement on Sunday as Nodaway 4-H clubs united in Beal Park for the annual Member/Leadership Recognition.

Among the honorees, Megan Frueh of North Nodaway High School was the recipient of the "I Dare You" Leadership Award and Maryville Daily Forum Outstanding Senior Girl Award.

"I think people should join and come see how much fun it is," Frueh said. "Meeting new people, sharing interests and learning from each other is pretty cool."

As the week continues, clubs will uphold and celebrate 4-H ideals with choice activities like baking cookies for teachers and hosting community hayrides.

In order to promote 4-H awareness and encourage membership for the largest youth development program in America, groups will also write to newspapers and produce radio spots.

Community events

Thurs. 9 "Living Stones" First Christian Church, Noon
9 Movie Night First Christian Church 6-8 p.m.

Fr. 10 No School St. Gregory's teacher in-service

Sat. 11 New Nodaway Hu- mane Society Kickball Tournament Donaldson Fields, 9 a.m.
11 St. Gregory's Church Cemetery Work Day, a.m.

Sun. 12 Harvest Festival 2003 St. Oswald's Church, 11 a.m.

Mon. 13 No School Maryville Schools

Tues. 14 Senior's Pitch game Maryville Parks and Recreation, 1-30-3:30 p.m.

Wed. 15 "Living the Baptismal Covenant" St. Paul's Church, 7 p.m.

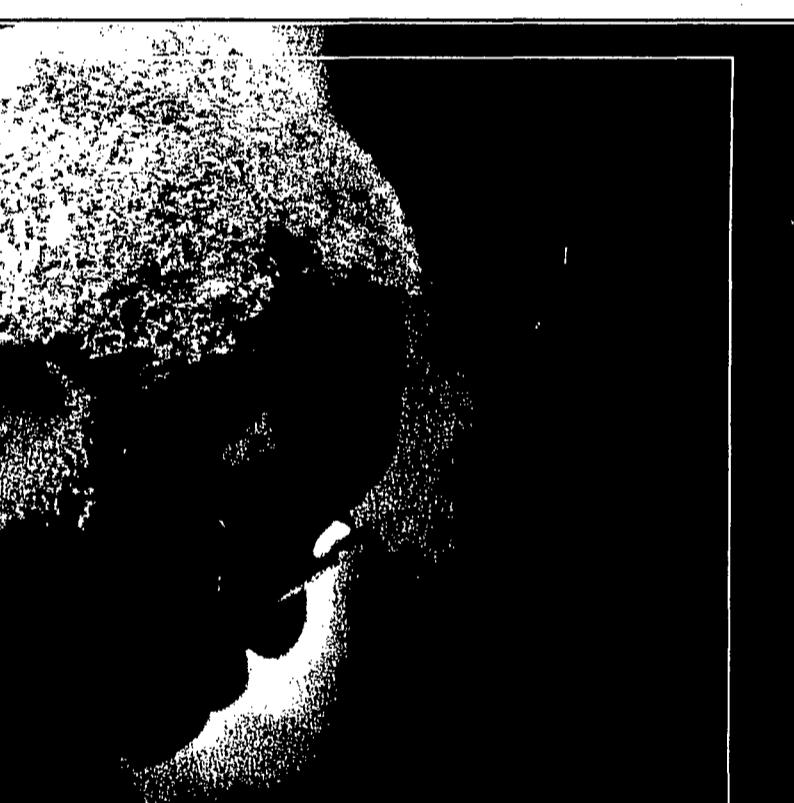
Pizza Pizzazz



PHOTO BY ABBIE STOLL/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

With help from Domino's and Maryville Community Center employee Shelly Harsh, children were able to make their own pizza creations at the first annual Pizza Pizzazz.

"They like to cook at home, and I knew they'd have fun with this," said Tonya Hoy. "Pizza



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Our View

A surefire winner

As the fate of Fine Arts additions lies in the hands of the Board of Regents, the right choice is nothing short of expected

The Northwest Board of Regents has an important decision to make for this University on Monday.

On the agenda is the vote for the Fire Arts Building addition to the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The projected cost has been estimated at \$2.2 million, but the project is much needed considering all of the Environmental Protection Agency regulations that are currently being violated. The project could be finished as soon as August of 2005.

The decision seems to be a no-brainer to *The Missourian*, and we hope the Regents feel the same way. Not only will the building end the EPA violations, it will also give art students a safe and effective place to create their work.

The building will house five classrooms for learning, and, in addition, will serve as a cornerstone for recruiting future art majors. The classrooms will include two ceramics rooms, a sculpture, welding and general room.

It will also have precast walls, a metal roof, insulated glass and a gantry crane. It will also feature enclosed work yards and driving entrances to those yards.

In a time where budgets are being stripped away each year, this could be another feather in Northwest's cap to attract students and increase enrollment.

With interest rates so low right now, the decision to build makes sense, and Ray Courter, vice president of Finance, said the project could be completed for less than they were originally planning if the Board approves it Monday.

Northwest already boasts strong teaching and mass communications programs. If this University could add the Fire Arts Building, it could allow the art department to take off as well.

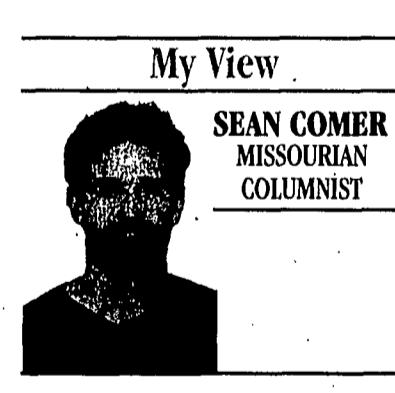
Going through with the project will show the Regents are willing to take a risk to improve Northwest. With previously mentioned budget cuts, the project could be viewed as more debt Northwest does not need, but we do need this.

We need it for the "Culture of Quality," the art students stuck in the basement of Olive DeLuce and for the future recruitment of high school students across the United States.

Newfound lack of toughness in drug policies proves dangerous

On Sept. 16, the Drug Policy Alliance released a report showing that 29 states have taken drastic steps away from "get-tough" drug laws that promise harsh sentences for drug offenders. These reforms included sentencing reforms in 18 states, many restoring some or all welfare eligibility to convicted offenders, use of marijuana for medicinal purposes and a movement away from incarceration and toward rehabilitation. Supposedly, these reforms are all in the name of "common sense and compassion." And all are undertaken in spite of an overall-falling crime rate.

I won't mince words: this makes no sense. Two chief reasons cited by the DPA for these reforms are a rising prison population and an increasing cost per inmate of incarceration. Granted, these are unfortunate problems; however, the dropping crime rate should serve as proof that they are simply consequences of public safety—which is what economists would refer to as



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a "public good," meaning that it's something all pay for and all benefit from. The alternatives being taken up involve one of several options, depending on which reform is being considered: taxpayers paying for someone else's bad decisions; giving government subsidies to drug addicts; using a highly cancerous substance—not to mention, an illegal one—as a painkiller in place

of others which are less harmful in terms of side effects and more effective; or, of course, coddling criminals as opposed to punishing them.

The idea of giving welfare funds to people who sank their money into drugs to spend themselves broke as opposed to those funds going to people who have hit truly rough breaks through no fault of their own is ridiculous. The reason some of these people are broke in the first place is because they sank their money into drugs. The only difference is, if they leave either prison or rehab and have no desire to change, there's a good chance that money is either going into a syringe or a bong. Loss of eligibility is meant to force these people to deal with the consequences of wrong actions. It's meant as a punishment, a way of saying "You do the crime, you do the time." Giving it back is like saying "You did the crime; now as soon as you get out, we'll pick up the tab for your habit." Great.

The use of marijuana for medicinal purposes may be among the most unfounded, stupid moves on the part of any legislature in years. In legal terms, marijuana is a Schedule-1 drug; meaning it has little-to-no medical use, can cause considerable harm (evident by the fact that it's multiple times as carcinogenic as tobacco), has high potential for abuse and has no legitimate use whatsoever. It was classified as such by Congress with input from the FDA. Even if it were to be classified as a Schedule-2, meaning it has limited medical applications but only under the strict use by a physician, that doesn't mean that it diminishes the potentially harmful qualities of it.

Regarding the case against incarceration, I have seen proof myself that rehab works for some but for those who have no desire to change their ways even after being convicted and sentenced, it's a revolving door that leads right back to the same activities, and for the taxpayers who are forced to pay

for it, it's a repeated, unnecessary expense of someone else's choices.

Granted, there are exceptions. Sometimes each works and sometimes each doesn't. But there's a reason "scared straight" programs tend to be fairly effective. The difference is that when you put someone in jail for doing something wrong, not only are they safely where they can't hurt anyone—after all, drug addicts can be a danger to those around them, as can the dealers who sell drugs to get their hands on more drugs. But it can also be relatively assured in many cases that if someone goes to jail, they will be made miserable and they will pay for what they've done. And I know parents of a few people who died of drug overdoses who would love nothing more than to see more dealers behind bars instead of back where they can readily get their hands on more drugs to sell to more people.

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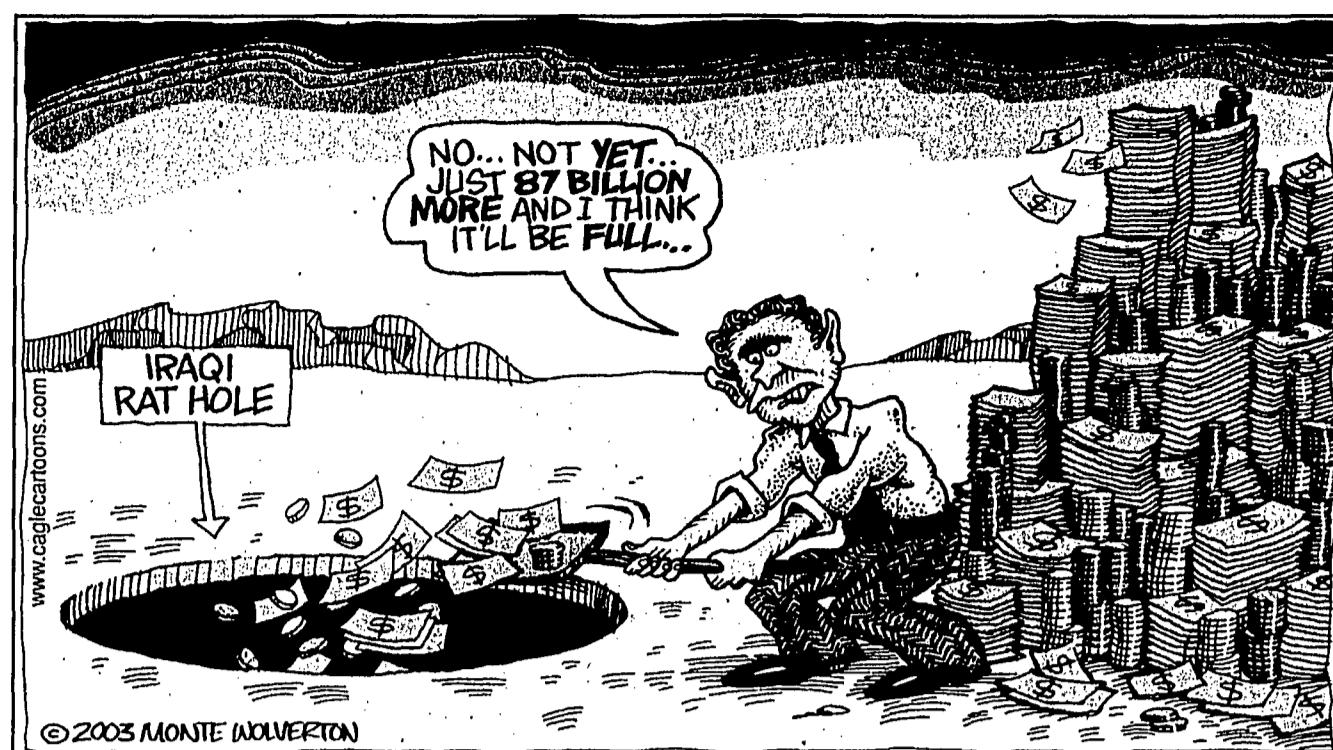
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Economic principles and reality' sorely misinterpreted

It's refreshing to read the recent letters in *The Missourian* about President Bush's tax policies—students with different partisan beliefs actually willing to engage in such discussions! In his Oct. 2 letter, Mark Kenney proudly claims that he knows the truth regarding these issues, and in fact, he does a credible job arguing that the economic downturn since 2001 is due to factors beyond the control of our current president. Unfortunately, the rest of the letter does not fuse—"economic principles and reality," as he claims. Instead, Mr. Kenney offers theory uninformed by experience and, most disappointingly, falls back on the same unsupported, partisan rhetoric he pretends to rail against.

Mr. Kenney instructs those with "misguided opinions" that "as any student of general economics knows, when monetary policy fails to jumpstart the economy, the next step is aggressive fiscal policy." I'm not an economist, but as I understand it, an *excessive* national debt can affect the money supply, undermine consumer confidence and suppress investment. The national debt as of Oct. 2, is \$6,805,599,570,918.78. That might be one reason why the Federal Reserve and remarkably few economists supported the President's latest tax cuts. Another might be that tax cuts act as a stimulus only if money flows back into the economy as consumer spending or job-creating investment. But do tax cuts heavily concentrated on a handful of people at the highest income levels stimulate the economy? Not really. The beneficiaries are less inclined to spend their tax cuts whereas middle- and low-income people are likely to immediately spend on necessities during difficult economic times. And most job creation comes from investment by new entrepreneurs who emerge primarily from the middle and upper-middle class. A regressive tax cut directed to existing wealth simply does not provide the kind of stimulus Mr. Kenney envisions.

Hence the persistently high unemployment accompanying the tax cuts, even as the economy recovers. But why limit ourselves to economics—why not consult other disciplines? As any student of psychology knows, one definition of insanity is doing the same thing (regressive tax cuts) again and again, but expecting different results.

As any student of political science knows, it's irresponsible to reallocate resources without considering economic and social impact. Given the increased national security spending required since 9/11, we might need to maintain tax revenues, at least in the short term, to control the deficit. But the President has requested, so far, more than \$150 billion (in real dollars, more than the entire Marshall Plan) for the war and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and not one penny of this amount was included in his budget until after the tax cuts were passed. As a result, every cent for Iraq gets added to our debt, while vital government programs, including homeland security, education and aid to the states suffer draconian

cutbacks because we can't afford them. A \$600 tax rebate doesn't look so good to the middle class family whose property taxes, health insurance and college tuition increase by more than twice that amount.

Mr. Kenney concludes by cautioning us not to be tricked by "mouthpieces of the liberal wing of the Democratic Party... Remember, these are the same people who favor higher taxes... and greater expansion of the welfare state. At what cost? The very ideals that have made this country great... hard work, personal sacrifice and... ambition." Whoa! The previous letter didn't call for expansion of the welfare state but for meaningful "stimulus and deficit reduction, which I thought were Republican policies. It's certainly popular among Republicans to label Democrats 'liberal' who advocate tax and spend policies and big government, but not hard work, but it's no more credible than Democrats who claim Republicans are mean-spirited, greedy, pawns of big business who hate the common man.

I would suggest to Mr. Kenney that what made this country great is more than hard work and sacrifice. If nothing else was necessary, every janitor would be a millionaire. We're a great nation because we're not ideologues but pragmatists. We value success, yet we're compassionate. We reward ambition by providing incentives for business, but also for education and job training so all can succeed. How the tax burden should be allocated is a worthy debate to have. But remember, no political party has a monopoly on truth, and we can do without the pretension, name-calling and innuendo. Political debate in America has become ugly, but we can do better here at Northwest. After all, we're a Baldwin finalist.

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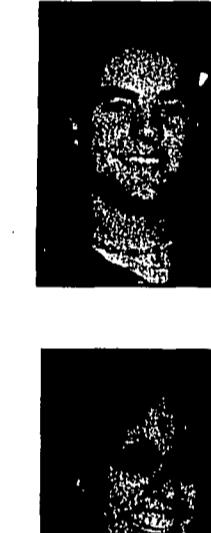
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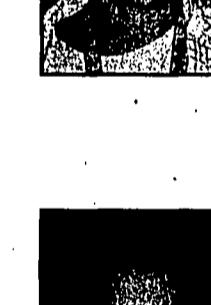
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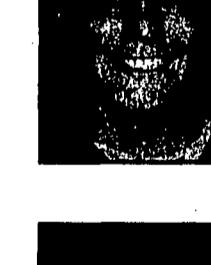
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No Call list stifles telemarketers

program in effect since July 2001.

Scott Holstein, a spokesman with the Missouri Attorney General's office, said the Missouri No Call program has proven to be effective over the past few years.

"It is one of the most popular laws in Missouri that brings real peace and quiet to the dinner table," Holstein said.

According to the Missouri Attorney General's office, complaints about telemarketing fraud have dropped by more than 65 percent since the program began. The office received 161 telemarketing fraud complaints between July 1, 2002, and June 30, 2003, compared to 468 complaints between July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

"No Call has not only made the dinner hour quieter for millions of Missourians," Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon said in a press release. "It also has had the very real benefit of significantly cutting down on telemarketing fraud."

To date, Missouri leads the nation in money made from telemarketer violations with collections totaling more than \$1 million in the two years that law has been in effect. Approximately 1.25 million households in Missouri have registered their phone numbers.

Holstein said if Missouri residents have not signed up for the National Do Not Call Registry, they should register for the state's No Call program.

Holstein said Missouri's No Call program adds more protection to consumers than the National Do Not Call Registry.

"The Missouri law stops interstate and intrastate calls," Holstein said. "The national law does not stop intrastate calls."

Holstein said consumers who want to register for both Missouri's and the national No Call lists need to sign up separately.

"Missouri does not share the state list with the federal government," Holstein said.

Consumers who registered their phone numbers on the National Do Not Call List Registry by Aug. 31 should start receiving fewer telemarketing calls this month. For those who registered after Sept. 1, they will have to wait up to three months from the date they registered for the list to take effect.

Missouri residents who have complaints about No Call violations need to file them by calling (866) 662-2551 or go to the Attorney General's Web site.

Couple finds support in walk

By SARAH SWEDERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville resident JoAnn Brown has had to make many changes in her life due to her husband's illness.

"Every place we go, we have him included," JoAnn said. "Because you can't leave him alone by himself."

For the past six years, Maryville resident Bob Brown, JoAnn's husband, has lived with the Alzheimer's disease by which many of his family members, such as his deceased sister, have been affected.

JoAnn said with Alzheimer's both she and her husband take each situation they face day by day.

"We just hope when we wake up in the morning that he has a good day," JoAnn said. "He has his good days and his bad days."

JoAnn said what her husband remembers depends on the day, but he can still read the paper, mow the lawn, dress and bathe himself, among many other things.

"The doctor thinks that he is doing good with having Alzheimer's for the past six years," JoAnn said.

JoAnn also said people must include those with Alzheimer's in each day's activities because it makes their life worth living.

"Don't just set them off to the side," JoAnn said. "Try to include them in everything that you do."

Both Bob and JoAnn attended Maryville's annual Memory Walk Saturday at the Maryville Community Center. With a new site and route, approximately 150 students and com-



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jenna Bessler, Angela Jennings and Megan Koeteman represent Campus Crusade for Christ at the Memory Walk on Saturday, October 4. The 3.5 mile walk raised money for the Alzheimer's Association.

munity members gathered to walk three miles not only to remember those with Alzheimer's but in support of finding a cure.

Co-chair of the 2003 Maryville Memory Walk Cheryl Pierson said the money raised will go toward research to find a cure as well as help with support groups and providing people and families in Northwest Missouri with information about Alzheimer's.

This year, the Maryville community and businesses raised \$13,000 which will be used in Maryville and Northwest Missouri for Alzheimer's research, treatment and for support groups.

"Maybe they can find a cure," JoAnn said. "Maybe they can find a cure that maybe won't help him, but it will help someone else."

Bob spoke to Memory Walk participants Saturday of how Alzheimer's has affected his life, and to show his appreciation for those who came to the walk.

"It's very important," Bob said. "It helps people to let them know that it is going to be taken care of."

JoAnn said her husband has moderate to severe Alzheimer's, which is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain in which brain cells die and are not replaced.

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Northwest enters program with Missouri Southern State

offerings by sharing resources. Since Northwest already has courses in place and we are the electric campus, it makes economic sense to use our technology to deliver any place in the state."

Northwest has a long tradition of partnering with other schools. The University has a cooperative doctoral program in education that the Univer-

sity of Missouri-Columbia offers on this campus using a combination of MU teachers and Northwest faculty. Northwest is currently the lead institution in a North Missouri Consortium consisting of MU, Central Missouri State University, Truman State University and Northwest to offer cooperative graduate programs north of the Missouri

river.

"This kind of collaborative relationship is not new to us," Barnes said. "Many schools feel they lose some of their autonomy when they partner, but that is not the case here. We will provide our courses, sure; but quite likely, they will be using MSSU faculty whenever possible."

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Moody: Budget matters to get worse

of places, but that doesn't mean they have the money to do that," said Linda Luebbering, state budget director.

Out of the \$84 million in appropriations funding, \$70 million went to elementary and secondary education while \$14 million went to higher education.

"You've got short-term savings," Luebbering said. "But if students don't have a good foundation, then that hurts the state. There are now bigger (elementary and secondary) classes, classes for the gifted are getting cut, and fine arts programs are getting cut. If kids can't afford college, it's going to hurt the state."

In the 2005 budget, legislators will also have to replace \$584 million in one-time funds that were in place during the 2004 budget.

Holden withheld \$236 million in appropriations, which created conflict with the general assembly. Holden also proposed taxes in gaming, cigarettes, and to close loopholes for big corporations, but he was voted down.

"We need to let the governor know that he won't be able to tax his way out of this problem," said Brad Lager, Republican 4th District representative.

'05 BUDGET COULD IMPACT MERGER TALKS

As Northwest looks towards the future, many questions arise. Will they be able to avoid cutting programs? Will they be able to withstand cuts to keep their mission, and will they be able to wait one

to two years before joining the University of Missouri System?

"From the people I talked to (in Jefferson City), the revenue and the projections are on target," said Tom Vansaghi, vice president of University Relations. "Knock on wood, I'm hoping we can avoid any more cuts."

If cuts do continue, questions will continue to rise.

"We are at a point where I'm not sure where we go (if there are more cuts)," Vansaghi said. "We could absorb some cuts, probably a maximum of \$1 million, but if it goes beyond that, we're going to have to look at our mission."

As talks decelerated last week between Northwest and the University of Missouri system, what happens in the 2005 budget may have an impact as to what direction it goes.

"Long term, as Missouri looks at the future of higher education, Northwest would be absorbed if it joined the UM system," Vansaghi said. "They're protected by the Missouri Constitution, so I think there is some real thinking that there is a connection (between Northwest and the budget)."

Overall, Luebbering said the state budget problem has to be fixed.

"All of the higher education schools are going to hurt," she said. "They've been able to make due, and they've been doing easy cuts. But eventually, they're going to have to make program cuts...It's going to have to be fixed one way or the other."

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Former Urge singer to begin tour at The Pub

a new trademark for himself.

"The music is quite different," Ewing said. "While there's still the drums, bass and guitar, I've added electronics, synths, loops—a lot of experimenting."

Though the music is a new taste compared to what The Urge fans might expect, Ewing said he'd still play some hits from his former band as well.

"Steve is a tremendous performer," said Ewing's manager, Seth Keller. "He

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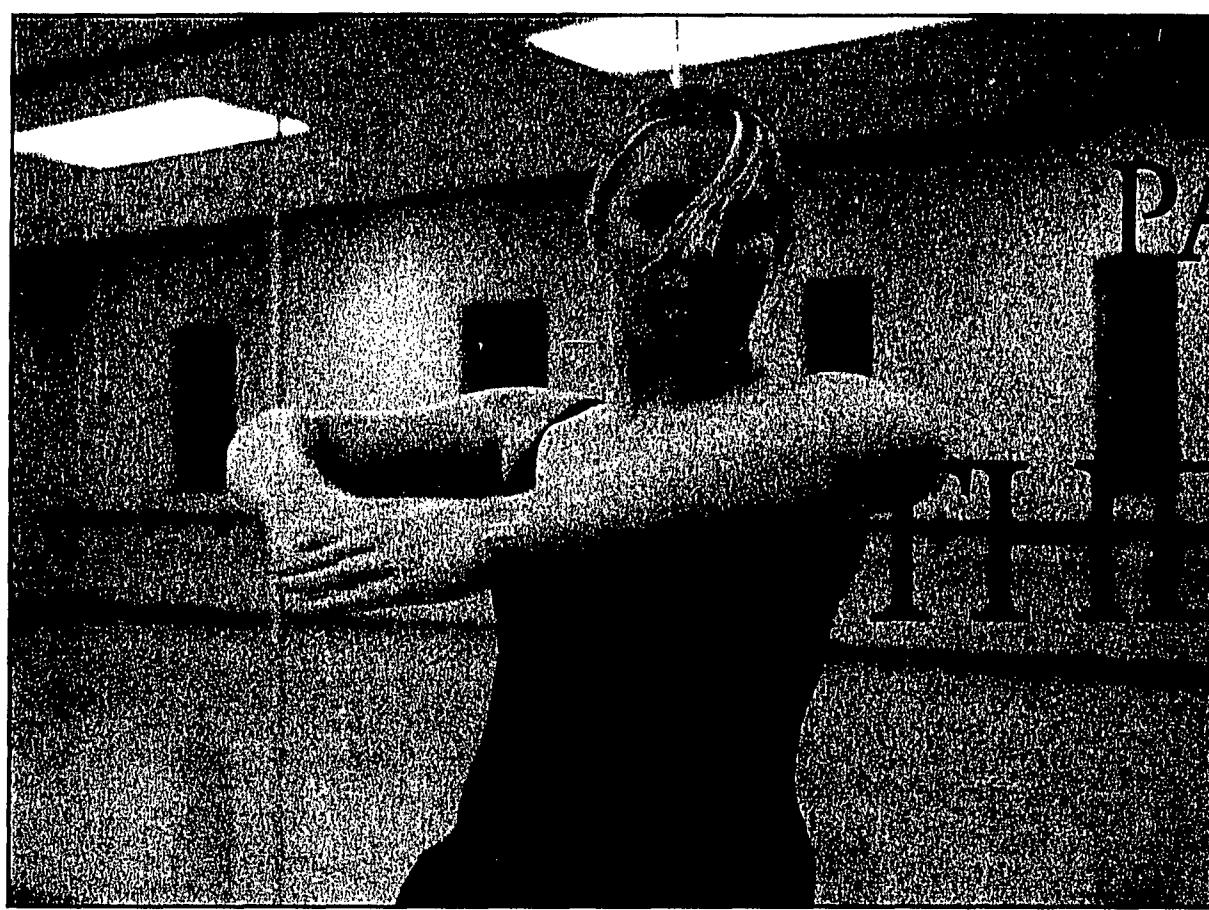


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Ashley Tyser, president of the Northwest Dance Company, pirouettes during rehearsal in the Martindale practice room. Tyser, who choreographs many of the company's dances, enjoys jazz, ballet, tap, lyrical and modern dance.

PROFILES Inspired Writings

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

Human expression is confined within the restrictions of sound, letters, words and sentences.

For Rebecca Aroson, a new addition to the Northwest faculty, poetry is a way to transcend those limitations. She said the freedom of poetry opens up new avenues for expression.

"For me, poetry is a fascination with the potential for communication," Aroson said. "I've always had a sense that basic words are inadequate for most of what we want to say."

Aroson began writing poetry at a young age but said she did not consider herself a poet until she was in her early 20s.

Themes of her poetry vary depending on Aroson's state of mind; her topics range from nature to life experiences.

"My work isn't necessarily autobiographical," Aroson said. "It's just things that I know, which are always filtered through my imagination."

Writing for Aroson has become an expression of creativity. Anything from a combination of noises to compelling



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English Assistant Professor Rebecca Aroson writes poetry on a regular basis. Aroson said she used to only write her pieces, now he composes on the computer.

image can spur Aroson to pick up a pen.

"I often get something stuck in my head, a sound or a combination of words. It doesn't necessarily have to mean anything," Aroson said. "It just has to catch my interest."

Aroson has over 20 poems published in journals and is working on a book.

Though Aroson isn't happy with every poem that she completes, the thrill she gets from a well-written piece inspires her to continue writing.

"I always hope to get to the point where I can walk away happy with what I've accomplished," Aroson said. "When that happens, it's pretty exciting."

PROFILES Shaping his world

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

Hurried brush strokes spread thick oil paint over the empty canvas. With headphones over his ears, the artist finds an escape in the emerging shapes and lines.

Art takes Jeremy Melton away from the world. Delving into the creation of abstract figures completely consumes him.

"It gets your mind off things," Melton said. "When I'm really working on a piece it's all I can think about."

Melton became enamored with art at a very young age. All through high school he knew he would study art. When he searched for a collegiate art program, he found that Northwest fit him perfectly.

"Most people don't know that we have a really good program here," Melton said. "It gives you very good formal background which prepares you well for graduate study."

Melton graduated from Northwest in May; he is taking a few classes to enhance his portfolio. His focus is painting. After experimenting with different media, Melton discovered oil paint three years ago. It quickly became his favorite.

"Ideas flew back and forth between teachers and students," Melton said. "I look forward to the experience."

A PASSION FOR THE ARTS

Three individuals employ different means of expression.

PROFILES In good company

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

Though Ashley Tyser cannot remember why she started dancing, the impact it has on her life is undeniable.

"I just fell in love with it," Tyser said. "Of all the things I've ever been involved in, it's the one that has spoken to me the most."

Tyser's parents got her involved with dance when she was in kindergarten. Now, as an adult, she still invests more than 15 hours a week in her passion.

"For me lately it's been my stress release," Tyser said. "If you're having a bad day it allows you vent frustrations and throw everything else away."

When the music starts, her mind goes blank.

"Body-wise, it's very relaxing. Mind-wise, it makes me feel alive," Tyser said. "I don't think about the steps; they just come to me."

Dance has offered Tyser many different opportunities for expression.

Though she choreographs various types of dance, lyrical is her favorite.

"It allows you to put yourself into it," Tyser said. "Tap and jazz are more structured, but with lyrical you can express yourself."

After high school, Tyser worried that her dance career would be over. Thinking there were no opportunities at Northwest, she cried in the car on the way home from her high school visit.

"I knew they had classes and I knew they had the Steppers, but I didn't think that group was for me," Tyser said. "I remember thinking on the way home, 'I did all this work and I won't ever be able to dance again.'"

When Tyser discovered the Northwest Dance Company, she immediately got involved. As president and co-artistic director of the company, Tyser organizes their annual show.

"It's a great company," Tyser said. "We pride ourselves on having members of different dance backgrounds. That way we can learn from each other."

Currently involved with her high school drill team, Tyser will expand her teaching efforts in December. Tyser will teach youth dance at Bearcat Boogie throughout the spring semester.

"It really scares me because I never taught kids before, but I think it will be an awesome experience," Tyser said. "It will be awesome to watch them learn and grow from my experiences."



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Artist Jeremy Melton spreads black oil paint on his five-by-five foot canvas. "I really like oil paint as a medium," Melton said. "There's a lot you can do with it."

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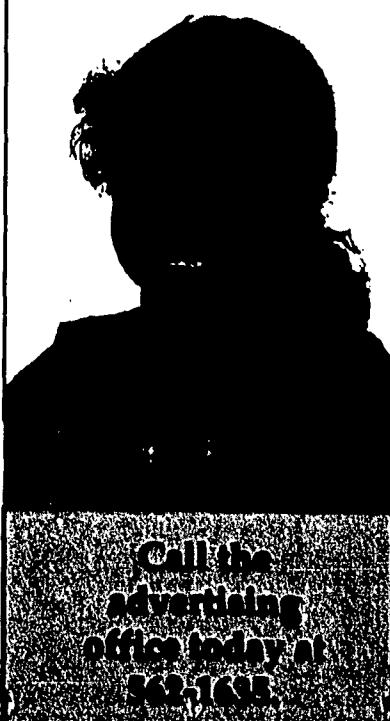
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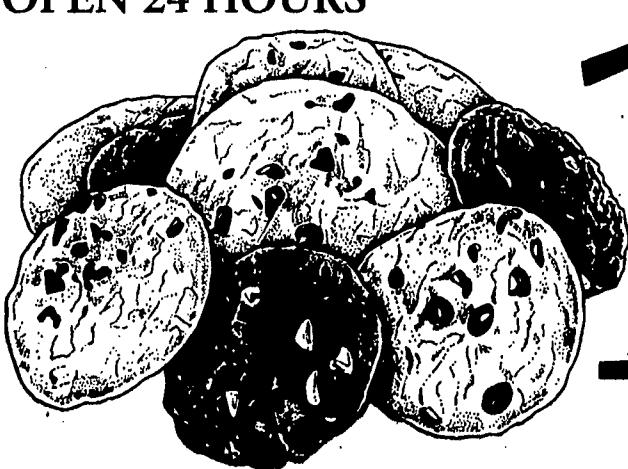
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Northwest picks up third tie in four games

Scoreless soccer games becoming habit for team

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR



Northwest soccer

The Northwest women's soccer team continued their scoring drought this week with a 0-0 tie against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The scoreless tie is nothing new for the Bearcats, who tied Missouri Southern State University earlier in the week at 0-0.

Two games earlier, Northwest also played to a tie against Rolla.

Earlier in the year, they lost in overtime to Central Missouri State University.

"I think out of the four overtime games we have had this year, the one we actually deserved to be in overtime was the game against CMSU," head coach Tracey Cross said. "The other three games, I think we let them off too easy. They didn't deserve to go to overtime. We should have put them away in regulation."

With the teams record at 2-6-3, the defense has allowed only 16 goals in their 11 games, but the number that stands out more is the fact they have only scored 10 goals on the year.

"We need a little more movement and mobility from the forwards and timing of being in the right position at the right time," Cross said. "When it comes to being in front of the goal, we need to have the instinct to put the ball in the goal. Once we get warm, there will be more to come."

One change the team has seen is the addition of Danielle Lawless returning to the team as the goalie. In her four games as goalie, she has allowed only three goals.

The addition of Lawless in goal as well as the team's defense as a whole has been what has kept Northwest in games since the offense has struggled.

Northwest continues their road swing on Sunday with a match against Emporia State University.

The Bearcats don't return home until Oct. 17 when they host CMSU.

"Two away games is always a struggle," Cross said. "Intensity-wise last week in practice, they have been intense as far as scoring and shooting. One good thing about the ties is that we know we can compete. Now we need to step up and show we can win."



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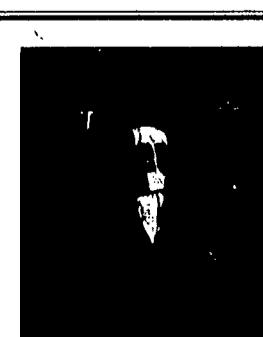
Bearcat senior runners (from left) Jamison Phillips, Kyle Keraus, John Heil, Derrick Delanty and Chad Fowler have formed a strong friendship during their careers at Northwest. They have also shown strong leadership skills for a young team.

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Maryville softball

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Game 6
Northwest at Emporia State

GOOD TIMING

Opportunity knocks for Bearcats with trip to No. 10 Emporia

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

When the Midwest Region Poll came out on Monday, the Northwest Bearcats saw their name missing from the poll.

After losing two of their first three games, the chances of Northwest being in the first poll was slim to none. If head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and his squad plan to make an appearance in the poll this year, they get their chance on Saturday against Emporia State University.

The Hornets are ranked No. 10 in the nation and second in the regional poll. Looking at history, if Emporia was able to win against the Bearcats, it would be only their third victory ever in the series.

Emporia is undefeated this season and has not lost a game since Northwest defeated them last year 34-5. Even though they beat them last year, the Hornets are a different team.

"We are going to have to step up and do some of the things we did this Saturday," Tjeerdsma said. "It's going to be more of a challenge though. Emporia's line is very good and do a great job, plus they are very balanced."

One of the major things Emporia brings to the table is a potent rushing attack. Hornet Tyler Paul rushed for 311 yards last week against Truman State. The 311 yards was the third-best rushing performance in MIAA history. As a team, they rank second in the conference in offense and third in scoring.

If Northwest hopes to counteract Emporia's offense, it is going to have to have some help from their rushing game.

Against Washburn, the running game came alive and had 247 yards on the ground. Junior Mike Feich led the Bearcats with 105 yards.

"You need to have a running game as well as a passing game to make a lot of things happen," Feich said. "If you have a running game, it makes Josh Lamberson feel a lot more comfortable in the pocket and helps take some pressure off."

(Please see "Good" page 2B)

RB Mike Feich
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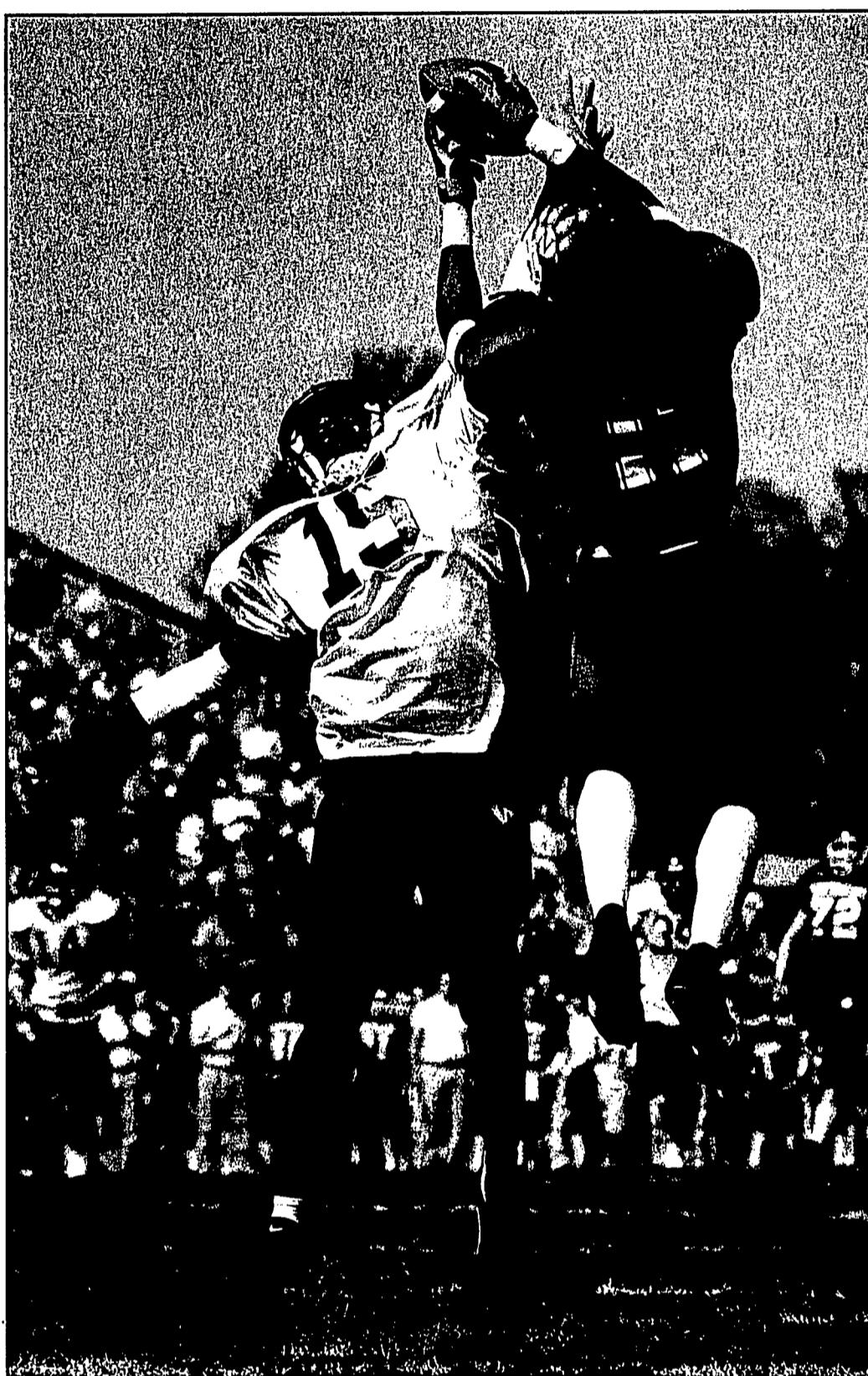


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Junior wide receiver Jamaica Rector makes a leaping catch over a Washburn defender in the first quarter of the Bearcats' 45-14 win over the Ichabods last Saturday. The Bearcats will go up against the No. 2 pass defense in the MIAA Saturday.

Bearcats hit on all cylinders in win over 'Bods

Feich becomes first 'Cat this season to rush for more than 100 yards

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

After having a glaring weakness in each of the last four games, the Northwest Missouri State University football team seemed to find its rhythm in their 45-14 win over Washburn

University on Saturday.

From the first play, a previously shaky defense proved it was back to its old ways when cornerback Gabe Helms intercepted Dustin Hickel's first pass of the game.

The Ichabods next possession yielded the same result. This time it was safety Pat Whitt who took the intercepted pass 12 yards for the touchdown, his second in as many weeks.

"The first couple of games were kind of shaky, but our defense (Please see "Bearcats" page 2B)

Spoofhounds come up short against No. 1

Late Pirate touchdown prevents Maryville upset

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

The Spoofhounds had it for all but 30 seconds.

With time running out on No. 1 Platte County and no timeouts left, Pirates quarterback Chris Hawkins fell forward between his center and right guard to take a 15-12 lead.

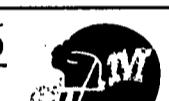
It came on fourth down from the one-yard line, and it came with less than 30 seconds left.

The sequence happened so fast that the referees were unaware the Pirates possibly had 12 men on the field, which would have drawn a penalty flag, and that Platte County running back Ryan Weedon illegally pushed Hawkins into the end zone.

"All of those things happened, but that's not why we lost," head coach John Pelzer said. "We put ourselves in that situation."

A miracle drive was not in store for the previously unbeaten Spoofhounds in the final 23 seconds, and the Pirates barely continued their dominance (Please see "Spoofhounds" page 2B)

Game 6



Maryville Spoofhounds (4-1) at Lafayette Fighting Irish (1-3)

Where: St. Joseph
Kickoff: 7 p.m.

Bottom line: The Irish played the 'Hounds tough last year until Maryville blew the game open in the second half.

Northwest spikers snap losing streak

Bearcats fall day later to Missouri Southern

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

It had to happen sooner or later.

The Northwest volleyball team snapped their 16-game losing streak last Friday, defeating Southwest Baptist University in three sets at Bearcat Arena.

It was the first time the Bearcats had won since opening the season 2-0 at the Quincy, Ill., Tournament in late August. Until last Friday, the Bearcats were in a slump, with six of the 16 losses coming in conference play.

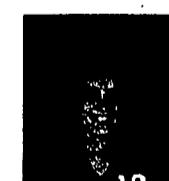
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Northwest volleyball



Sunken

Led the team in kills, digs and blocks against MSSU.

Harriers start as competitors, end as friends

Five seniors get more out of sport than glory

By ANDREW MADDEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Cross country is a unique sport. It takes a special kind of athlete to not only compete against other runners but also to push themselves to achieve more and more.

Athletes that participate in it might not get all the glory or accolades of other sports stars, but they

might just get something a little more special than that.

Friendship.

Northwest's five senior runners, Chad Fowler, Derrick Delanty, Jamison Phillips, Kyle Keraus and John Heil have developed exactly the type of camaraderie it takes to win championships, as they have shown so far this year. As a team, they have finished in the top 10 of every race so far this year.

Four of the seniors are Missourians by birth, with one Iowan in the mix. All five came to Northwest either through help from their

high school coach or after getting recruited by head coach Rich Alsup. But according to Keraus, while everything is cool now, it was not so much when they first arrived.

"It started out we all didn't know each other," Keraus said. "We all just wanted to beat each other. (Over the years), we have grown to be friends."

"We are a close knit group," Heil added. "We all hang out together. Anything we do, we are pretty much together."

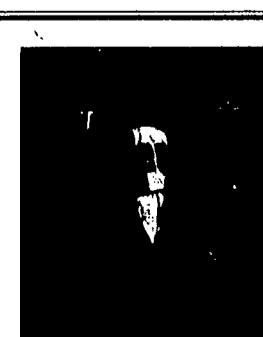
That is what makes their last

season so much more special for the 'Cat seniors. It's definitely not the long days on the road.

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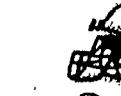
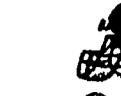
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At South Dakota State Minn.-St. Mankato Coughlin-Alumni Sta- Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.		Central Mo. State Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	At Missouri-Rolla Allgood-Bailey Stadium, 6:30 p.m.	Washburn Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	At Emporia State Welch Stadium, 2 p.m.	Missouri Southern Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	At Missouri Western Spratt Stadium, 1 p.m.	Truman State Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	Southwest Baptist Rickenbrode Stadium, Fall Classic at Arrowhead, 2 p.m.												

5 Questions before kickoff

1 How will the Bearcats contain Tyler Paul?

3 Can Mike Feich and Shon Wells both rush for more than 100 yards?

4 Who will play the key role for Northwest?

5 Will Andre Rector have a breakout game after returning from injury?

Look for the answers Sunday night on missourianonline.com

TALE OF THE TAPE

TOP 25

Division II Top 25

30.4	Scoring Offense	32.5
24.8	Scoring Defense	20.0
366.4	Total Offense	448.4
345.4	Total Defense	308.0
156.0	Rushing Offense	217.6
134.8	Rushing Defense	130.4
210.4	Passing Offense	230.8
210.6	Passing Defense	177.6
28.48	Time of Possession	31:49
3/7	Field Goals	5/10
27.4	Kick Return Avg.	17.4
8.5	Punt Return Avg.	10.4

Note: Tusculum and Findlay tied for No. 24

AROUND THE MIAA

MIAA Standings		
Team	MIAA	Overall
Central Mo. State	3-0	5-0
Emporia State	3-0	5-0
Pittsburg State	3-0	5-0
Mo. Western	2-1	3-2
Northwest	2-1	3-2
Mo. Southern	1-2	1-4
Truman	1-1	1-4
Washburn	0-3	2-3
Southwest Bapt.	0-3	1-4
Mo.-Rolla	0-3	0-5

Last Week
MWSC 33 MSSU 6;
NNVMSU 45 WU 14;
ESU 55 TSU 24;
CMSU 30 SB 28;
PSU 59 UMR 6

This Week
CMSU @ MWSC 1 p.m.
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SBU @ UMR 1 p.m.
NNVMSU @ ESU 2 p.m.
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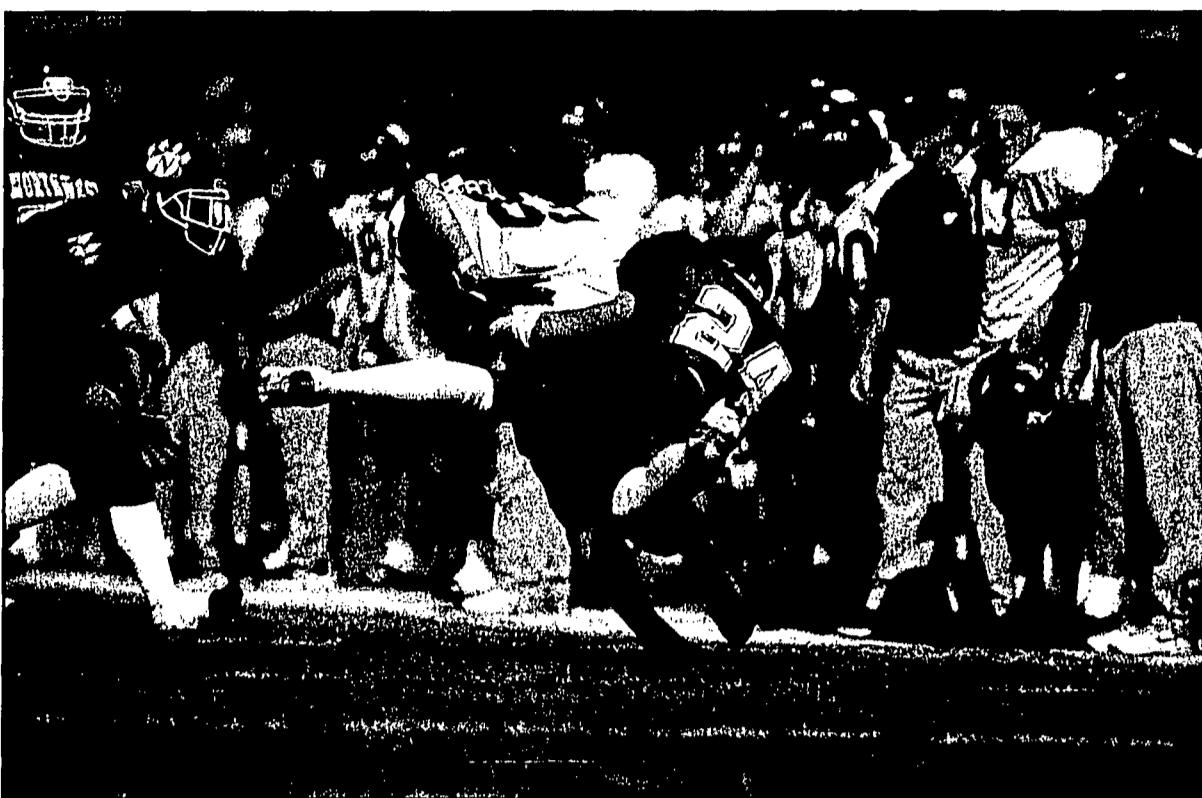


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Jason Chinn makes a tackle in Saturday's game against Washburn. Chinn and the rest of the Northwest defense allowed only 14 points, their fewest all season in their 45-14 win. The Bearcats are back in action this Saturday on the road against No. 10 Emporia State.

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Bearcats hit on all cylinders against 'Bods

seemed to gel a lot better today," Whitt said.

Two drives later, the Northwest offense had their opportunity to put points on the board when Josh Lamberson found Jamaica Rector on what appeared to be a broken play.

After being flushed out of the pocket, Lamberson avoided two Washburn defenders and connected with Rector, who made the acrobatic catch.

"A couple games ago, I had missed one because I came up," Rector said. "(Lamberson) said, 'next time I scramble, go to the end zone,' so that's what I did, and he threw it."

Lamberson was quick to credit Rector for the touchdown.

"You throw it up to No. 6, and, more often than not, he is going to come up with the ball," Lamberson said.

The passing game wasn't the only part of the offense that looked strong on Saturday. Northwest's previously nonexistent rushing game had three running backs with gains of more than 20 yards.

Mike Feich led the way for the Bearcats with 105 rushing yards, the

most for a Northwest rusher this year.

Shon Wells was close behind with 92 yards in just three quarters. Zach Sherman ended the game with 50 yards.

The highlight for the running game came in the third quarter when Washburn bit on a fake to Rector, but instead, Wells ran 53 yards untouched to the end zone.

"We had a lot of yards last week, but we didn't feel that good about it," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I felt like we ran the ball better today though. We made some good choices. We thought we made too many cuts before. Today, Mike made one cut and going, and Shon was doing the same thing."

Even after the performance for the Bearcats, Tjeerdsma felt like there was room for improvement.

"I didn't think we threw the ball exceptionally well today," Tjeerdsma said. "(We need) a continued intensity; we had it most of the time, but we lost it before the half. If we are going to be a championship-caliber football team, we are going to have to keep the intensity up the whole game. I don't think we are there yet."

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'Cats have chance against Hornets

some pressure off him."

Having a 100-yard rusher was something Northwest had not had since last season against Pittsburg State.

The confidence the rushing game brings to the offense is something Tjeerdsma thinks is very important.

"The last two games have really helped us," Tjeerdsma said. "They are looking at the film and know we can run the ball. We have gained a lot of confidence in our offensive line and our whole offensive team."

Aside from the rushing attack, the offense will get another boost when sophomore Andre Rector returns to the lineup after missing two games with an injured shoulder.

Even with Rector back in the lineup, Tjeerdsma thinks the offense has some room to improve.

"I think our completion percentage needs to be better," Tjeerdsma said. "Plus we can't turn the ball over. Against Emporia, we have got to keep from turning the ball over. This is a game we need to go into and not turn the ball over at all."

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Spoofhounds fall short in Platte City to rival Pirates

in the Midland Empire Conference with a 16-12 win.

Heads were down for the first time in the game for the 'Hounds as they met at midfield to shake hands with the Pirate players.

"The disappointing thing was we had six opportunities to score and we only scored twice," Pelzer said. "Luckily, we control our own destiny, and, if we can control that, we'll get another shot at (Platte County)."

The best opportunity for the 'Hounds to take the lead came in third quarter when a pass from Erick Auxier went through the hands of Tyler McClellan, who was in the end zone. On the following play, Drew DeMott's 32-yard field goal hit the left upright and bounced back leaving Maryville still trailing 9-6.

Maryville would succeed on their following series thanks in part to a mishandled punt snap, which placed the ball at the Platte County seven-yard line for the 'Hounds.

After three plays, Pelzer and the 'Hounds were facing fourth and goal at the one-yard line. With more than five minutes remaining, Brant Gregg punched the ball in from a yard out, and Platte County trailed in the fourth quarter for the first time since 1999.

Gregg finished the game with 91 yards rushing, but it was the play of the defense that impressed Pelzer.

Now, the challenge is not having a letdown game after being able to play with the best team in Class 3. Up next is a trip to St. Joseph to take on Lafayette.

Pelzer said the Irish might present some problems for the 'Hounds.

"They have a very good running back, and defensively, they are all over the place," he said.

Running back Curtis Cruse is one of the top running backs in the MEC. Lafayette is 1-3 on the season and is coming off a 40-13 defeat to Chillicothe.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

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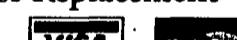
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Spikers fall to Savannah, beat Rock Port

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhounds volleyball team has had a bumpy ride the last couple weeks, but they are continuing to play well.

Over the last two weeks, the 'Hounds have gone 2-2, but they still have an 11-4-1 record for the season.

"I think we're playing somewhere in the middle to upper middle range of our conference," head coach Heather Stoecklein said. "We need to work on fixing our errors and focus on doing the little things that we need to do to be a top contender."

The 'Hounds traveled to Savannah last Thursday but failed to pull out a victory that 'Hounds fans have become accustomed to, losing in two games 25-12, 25-8.

"We didn't play good, but we didn't play horrible either," Stoecklein said. "They just came out and beat us. We had to play error-free ball, and we didn't do that. We have enough teams trying to beat us without us trying to beat ourselves."

Monday night, the 'Hounds were back in Maryville avenging their loss to Savannah and beating Rock Port in two games (25-18, 25-8).

"We played really well," Stoecklein said. "We won really quick, and there weren't a lot of big plays."

While beating Rock Port, senior Cindy Austin tied a school record with six aces in one match, five of which came in one game.

Other leaders included Mallory Herring with 6 kills, Sarah Welch with 8 digs and Jaylene Dredge with 8 assists.

The 'Hounds are looking forward to the upcoming Hounds Tournament so they can get more practice, and maybe a few more wins behind them before heading into district play.

"We're just taking things one day at a time," Stoecklein said. "We're trying to focus on passing, serving and hitting. We just need to play smart volleyball."

The 'Hounds are back in action at 7 p.m. Thursday night against Benton in Maryville, and the Hounds Tournament begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Maryville High School.

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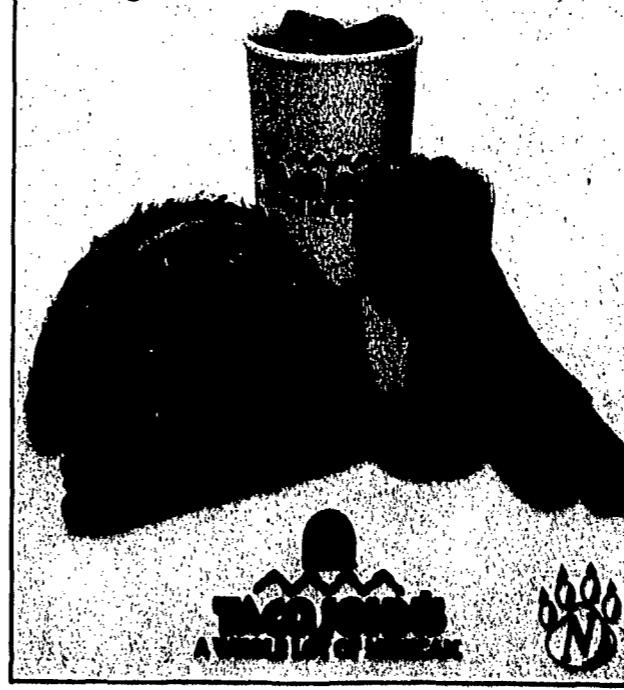
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Sept. 6	at South Dakota State	7 pm
Sept. 13	Minnesota State - Mankato	1 pm
Sept. 20	Central Missouri State	1 pm
Sept. 27	at Missouri - Rolla	6:30 pm
Oct. 4	Washburn	1 pm
Oct. 11	at Emporia State	2 pm
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern Homecoming	1 pm
Oct. 25	at Missouri Western	1 pm
Nov. 1	Truman State	1 pm
Nov. 8	Southwest Baptist	1 pm
Nov. 15	Missouri State	8 pm

CONTINUED FROM B1 Harriers end career as good friends

real world," Delanty said.

Delanty hasn't been the only one affected since they arrived in Maryville. They have also had a major impact on this year's freshmen.

"They push me quite a bit," freshman Brian Touney said. "My senior year in high school, I was top guy. So when I came here that is sort of what I was expecting to get. They really push me and make me a better runner."

Alsup also sees that quality in his senior runners. He's seen them grow both as men and as runners.

"I think that most of them have had major impacts in track and field," Alsup said. "I think they are determined to finish their senior year making an impact in cross country as a group and be close together and to go out with a good finish. I think they have some pretty good goals and expectations of themselves for conference championships."

Alsup also said he realizes that his seniors are valuable members of his squad that will be hard to replace.

"You can't recruit a freshman to replace a senior," Alsup said. "I only have one sophomore this year and one junior. The rest are freshmen, and they are a good freshman group. Will they replace the seniors in one year? No, but they will be the nucleus for a very good group. It's good for them to have a good group of seniors (like these)."

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Northwest spikers snap losing streak

Sunkent led the Bearcats in kills with 16 in the 30-21, 30-27, 30-17 win. Sunkent also led the team in attacks with a .615 attack percentage.

However, Northwest was unable to carry the momentum into the following day when Missouri Southern State College took a three-set victory, 30-25, 30-21, 30-21. Sunkent led the team in kills (12), digs (17) and blocks (2) in the losing effort.

The Bearcats will get out of the conference rhythm and head to Arkadelphia, Ark., to take part in the Henderson State University Classic.

Northwest returns to conference action Wednesday when they travel to Emporia State University. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

District play on horizon for 'Hounds

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhounds softball team is preparing for their first-round district game on Thursday.

The 'Hounds will face Lafayette, a team they have beaten twice this year. Although they seem to have Lafayette's number, 'Hounds coach Kathy Blackney said she did not want her MEC championship team to go down in the first round like they did last year.

"If that happens, we'll just die," Blackney said.

Blackney's team is focusing only on the first game, but, looking ahead to the next round, the 'Hounds will face either Benton, Cameron or Chillicothe. The Hornets are the first seed and the favorite to match up with Maryville.

A district tournament championship

between Maryville and Chillicothe would without a doubt be an exciting one. The 'Hounds lost to Chillicothe once this year and stole a nail biter at Maryville.

The 'Hounds have not had any games this week, but they defeated North Platte last Thursday 10-0 with no errors. Sarah Scott came back from her elbow injury to pitch. Coach Blackney said she is confident now that Scott can pitch into the district tournament and beyond.

Blackney says that the key to success for the 'Hounds is to "have our bats show up...keep our errors down, and we'll be alright."

The district tournament is being held in Maryville at Donaldson Park. Maryville's first round game is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.



Merger slowdown fails to shock

And all the people said AMEN! Well, everyone probably didn't say that, but deep down Your Man was saying that when he heard that the merger talks were being slowed down.

After the initial shock wore off, I couldn't help but wonder what the true reason was for "decelerating" talks with the University of Missouri.

Your Man, being creative as he is, created some possible scenarios as to why things were put on hold.

1. With the Big Brother of the Missouri system, MU, coming under fire from the NCAA for possible allegations as to paying basketball players, maybe President Dean Hubbard became a little worried that things would turn out the same way for the Bearcats.

I can just see it now: Kelvin Parker starts rolling to class in his new Mercedes wearing the finest clothes J.C. Penney has to offer in Maryville.

2. Maybe while feasting on Aladine, Hubbard realized how incredibly stupid it was going to sound to have our name become UM-M. Umm, the jokes just



THE STROLLER

keep coming. Umm, I can't remember where I go to school. Umm, I got a funny joke in my e-mail today.

3. Hubbard, being the Bearcat fanatic he is, realized every other school in the system has horrible athletic teams. Did anyone watch the MU-KU game? You notice that the merger talks began to slow the same time Northwest took one up the pooper from Central Missouri State?

I stopped imagining different reasons after that one. I, UM-M, had to think of something different.

Your Man has become irritated almost as much by Chicago Cubs fans as I have been the merger.

Did anyone see the game? All

I hear is how this is our year. When was the last time they won again? Even the Royals have won a World Series since the Northside Neanderthals have sniffed winning the big one.

Fact of the matter is they are going to choke.

It's actually amazing I have time to watch the baseball playoffs. This week is one of those weeks known to many as "Test Week".

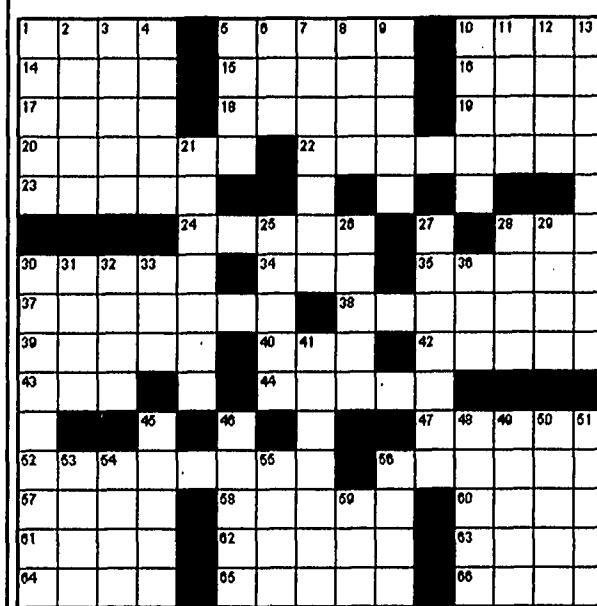
For those who do not know what Test Week is, it's when all your professors band together against you and schedule all of your tests in the same week.

It's all right, though. For the next three weeks, you just sit in class and plan how you are going to escape this campus on the weekend.

It is vital I return home for the weekend, though, so I can stock up on beads for the Mardi Gras Homecoming Week. Maybe Snoop Dogg will make an appearance for his next Girls Gone Wild Doggy-Style video.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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- 5. ---- lines, in Peru
- 10. Goad
- 14. Basic unit of heredity
- 15. Prayer leaders
- 16. Aggressive fish
- 17. Female relative
- 18. Leg of lamb
- 19. Cut
- 20. Monetary unit of Indonesia
- 22. Arterial dilation
- 23. Readily
- 24. Courtyard
- 28. Ten decibels
- 30. Clique
- 34. Ovum
- 35. Actor Flynn
- 37. Aeriform
- 38. Quebec city
- 39. Clan
- 40. Golfers
- 41. Mound
- 42. Perch
- 43. Affirmative vote
- 44. Hurried
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6. French friend

- 7. City in NE Egypt
- 8. Come on
- 9. Garden flower
- 10. Electric discharge
- 11. Sprite
- 12. Small guitars
- 13. Goatfish
- 21. Implemented
- 25. Molars
- 26. Leers
- 27. Decipher
- 28. Vigor
- 29. Periods
- 30. A seizure
- 31. Breezy
- 32. Soft cheese
- 33. Long-sleeved linen vestment
- 36. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 41. Lower part of the external ear
- 45. Topic
- 46. Bleated
- 48. Regular course
- 49. Musical instrument
- 50. Edict of the czar
- 51. Raw hides
- 53. Guiltless plea
- 54. Micronesian island group
- 55. Calcium compound
- 56. Knights
- 59. Type of indicator light

on the edge

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- According to a survey, an estimated 5.5 million Americans believe they have been defrauded into buying something over the phone. A U.S. subcommittee has estimated that, while telemarketing fraud costs consumers more than \$40 billion a year, only about one in 10,000 victims reports the problem to authorities.

- It is estimated that 4 million "junk" telephone calls—phone solicitations by persons or programmed machine—are made every day in the United States.

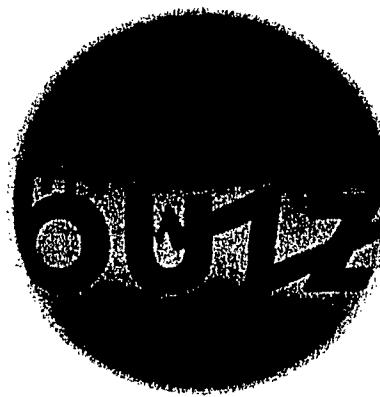
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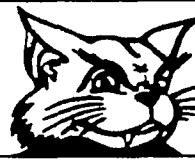
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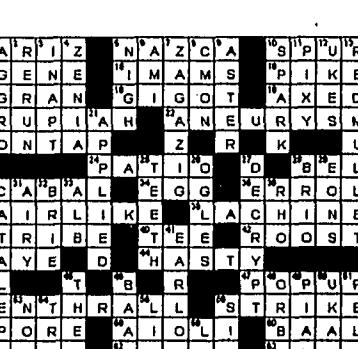
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